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**ELECTION**

Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, to prosecute the invention of Group I as defined within the Office Action. Applicant requests that Claims 12-14 be withdrawn without prejudice or disclaimer.

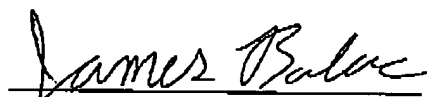
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### CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims patentably define over the prior art and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

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